

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claims 2, 4, 6, 12 and 13 have been cancelled, while claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of cancelled claims 2 and 4. In addition, the claims have been amended for clarity.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,449,219 to Hepp et al. The Examiner had further rejected claims 2-4, 6, 7, 12 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hepp et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,033,316 to Nixon. In addition, the Examiner had rejected claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hepp et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,477,117 to Narayanaswami.

The Hepp et al. patent discloses a time sensing device in which an electronic device is shown having a display monitor and means for generating on the display monitor a dial face and a graphical representation of a scheduled activity. As noted by the Examiner, Hepp et al. "does not teach a graphical representation comprising a segment whose length is associated with the duration of the activity, the segment having a graphical attribute associated with the scheduled activity."

The Nixon patent discloses a golf course progress monitor to alleviate slow play in which an electronic device includes a dial face 3 and a main hand 4 controlled by an internal mechanism to rotate about the dial face 3 in a clockwise direction. The dial

face 3 "has a series of numbers 5, each of which corresponds to a hole on the golf course" and "the numbers are provided around the circumference of the dial 3, and are positioned inside of equally sized arcuate segments of circular ring 6" (col. 6, lines 60-66). Instead of the main hand 4, Nixon discloses that the dial face may be an electronic display and the hand 4 is replaced by "a sector of darker color 12 that continuously increases as time passes" (col. 9, line 65 to col. 10, line 11). As described at col. 12, lines 11-15, each segment is "divided into three distinctively marked portions".

The Examiner indicated "Nixon teaches an electronic device comprising a display monitor for providing a graphical representation of a scheduled activity, wherein the representation comprises a segment 14 whose length is associated with the duration of the activity."

Applicant submits that the Examiner is mistaken. In particular, claim 1 specifically recites "said electronic device comprising means for generating a graphical representation of a scheduled activity associated with a time of day segment displayed on said display monitor, wherein the graphical representation comprises a segment having a length on the dial face associated with a duration of the scheduled activity, and a location of the segment on the dial face representative of a begin time of the scheduled activity, whereby a user of the electronic device is able to intuitively determine the start and end times of a scheduled activity without reading alphanumeric characters". However, the

noted segments in Nixon are not generated for display on a display monitor. Rather, these segments are indicia markings which do not and are not capable of changing. As noted above, Nixon states, at col. 12, lines 11-15, each segment is "divided into three distinctively marked portions". There is no disclosure or suggestion in Nixon of means for generating, on the display monitor, the graphical representation as indicated in claim 1.

Applicant believes that this application, containing claims 1, 3, 5 and 7-11, is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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